

# House File 299 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring certain minor children to wear personal  
2 flotation devices while on board certain vessels operated on  
3 state waters and providing for a penalty and an effective  
4 date.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 462A.12, Code 2007, is amended by  
1 2 adding the following new subsection:  
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. A person shall not operate a vessel  
1 4 on the waters of this state under the jurisdiction of the  
1 5 commission unless every person on board the vessel who is  
1 6 under thirteen years of age is wearing a type I, II, III, or V  
1 7 personal flotation device, including "float coats" that meet  
1 8 this definition, that is approved by the United States coast  
1 9 guard, while the vessel is under way. This subsection does  
1 10 not apply when the person under thirteen years of age is in an  
1 11 enclosed cabin or below deck, or is a passenger on a  
1 12 commercial vessel with a passenger capacity of twenty-five  
1 13 persons or more.  
1 14 Sec. 2. WARNING CITATIONS == TWELVE=MONTH PERIOD. During  
1 15 the twelve=month period beginning on the effective date of  
1 16 this Act, peace officers shall issue only warning citations  
1 17 for violations of this Act.  
1 18 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
1 19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.  
1 20 EXPLANATION  
1 21 This bill adds a new provision to Code section 462A.12  
1 22 concerning prohibited operations of certain vessels. The bill  
1 23 provides that a person shall not operate a vessel on the  
1 24 waters of this state under the jurisdiction of the natural  
1 25 resource commission unless every person on board who is under  
1 26 13 years of age is wearing a type I, II, III, or V personal  
1 27 flotation device, including "float coats" that meet this  
1 28 definition, that is approved by the United States coast guard,  
1 29 while the vessel is under way. The new provision does not  
1 30 apply when the person under 13 years of age is in an enclosed  
1 31 cabin or below deck, or is a passenger on a commercial vessel  
1 32 with a passenger capacity of 25 persons or more.  
1 33 For a violation of this provision, there is a scheduled  
1 34 fine of \$25, pursuant to Code section 805.8B, subsection 1,  
1 35 paragraph "c". However, the bill provides that during the 12=  
2 1 month period after enactment, violators of the bill shall  
2 2 receive only warning citations.  
2 3 The bill is effective upon enactment.  
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